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Reference EMBTEL 465 to Department August 21.

PRAVDA, August 22, 1 1/4 column editorial to memory Julian Lahaut, after eulogizing him as "outstanding revolutionary proletariat fighter" and describing his revolutionary past, support Cominform, opposition Tito and true friendship USSR (tried and true positions for today's successful foreign Communist leaders) recounts his opposition "intrigues Belgian monarchists trying establish Fascist dictatorship Leopold III" and "imperialist plans new war." Stating that "contemptible hirelings imperialist reaction criminally murdered true son working class" article charges well known that behind hired murderers stand "American imperialist warmongers. It is they who are kindling mad anti-Communist campaign in all capitalist countries trying intimidate millions mass combatants for peace." States in answer "Democratic forces whole world uniting still closer in irreconcilable struggle with imperialist reaction for cause peace and democracy".

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Soviet press today publishes text CPSU cox* to Belgian CP expressing deep condolence at "criminal murder by Fascist hirelings of imperialism." Continues "we convinced that Belgian CP will still closer unite its ranks and increase vigilance in irreconcilable struggle with imperialist reaction in cause peace and democracy, of national independence Belgium".

IZVESTIYA also prints portion Beleslav Beirut telegram to Belgian CP inter alia stating conviction Lahaut ideas will triumph "in struggle against monarcho-Fascists and imperialist masters, the organizers of murders and provocations".

IZVESTIYA devotes 1 1/2 columns and PRAVDA 3/4 columns to Hague, Paris, Brussels, Stockholm Tass despatches reference indignation world workers over murder Lahaut, inter alia reporting strikes

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reporting strikes Belgium, statement Belgian CP and Dutch DE WAARHEID editorial effect that "not only in Belgium but in other Western European countries Americans adopting Chicago gangster methods are putting into effect terror against organizations of working class".

Soviet press brief Paris Tass item claims DRAPEAU ROUGE reports General Secretary Belgian CP Lalman has been threatened.

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* As received.

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